IV. REMARKS

- 1. Claims 1-10 remain in the application. Claim 11 has been newly added.
- 2. The specification has been amended to add headings in compliance with US practice.
- 3. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with MPEP 608.01(b).
- 4. Claims 1-10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, the phrase "the steps of," and reference numbers. Claim 11 has been added to recite features previously claimed in a multiple dependent claim.

The amendments to the claims are not limiting, are not made for reasons related to patentability, and do not raise issues of estoppel.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present in the application are clearly novel and patentable, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph/W. Gamberdell,

Reg. No. 44,695

August 20, 2003

Date

Perman & Green, LLP 425 Post Road Fairfield, CT 06824 (203) 259-1800 Customer No.: 2512